

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y),

wherein said ethylenic, thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) is one which has an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 3.5 - 8.3 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

5. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100^\circ\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant (Z_L) selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 5 - 200 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (G), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion as given above.

6. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{FI}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_I),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100^\circ\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_1) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E) and 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), each in a proportion as given above.

7. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_2),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100^\circ\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and wherein the said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_2) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

8. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and

40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_3),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100^\circ\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_3) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion given above, and which further comprises a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

9. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in any one of claims 5 to 8, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by a dynamic heat treatment of a mixture comprising a crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and a rubber (c-2).

10. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 5, 7 or 8, wherein the polyolefin resin (G) is an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y).

11. (Previously Presented) The formed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) comprises 15 - 40 parts by weight of an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (y-1) having an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 10 - 40

dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C and 85 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (y-2) having an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.1 - 5 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C, with said constituents (y-1) and (y-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight.

12. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprises a polypropylene resin (a-3) in an amount of 30 parts by weight or less, per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2).

13. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body (X_{F1}) is at least twofold.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 5, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and the rubber (c-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent.

16. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the formed body (X_{F1}) is one which is obtained by subjecting a foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_1) comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) to foaming.

17. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 16, wherein the foaming agent (B) is an organic or inorganic foaming agent of a heat decomposition type.

18. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 16 or 17, wherein the content of the foaming agent (B) is 0.5 - 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A).

19. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load).

20. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F2}) comprising an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_2) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K),

said skin layer comprises an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y), and optionally at least one of a softening agent, heat-resisting stabilizer, antistatic agent, weathering stabilizer, antioxidant, filler, coloring agent or a lubricant,

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100°C) of 10-250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min. and said ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) is one which has an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 3.5 - 8.3 dl/g determined in decalin at 135 °C.

21. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F2}) comprising an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_2) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100°C) of 10-250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min. and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant (Z_L) selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 5 - 200 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (G), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion as given above.

22. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F2}) comprising an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_2) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_1),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100°C) of 10-250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min. and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_1) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E) and 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), each in a proportion as given above.

23. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F2}) comprising an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_2) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_2),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an

α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100°C) of 10-250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min. and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_2) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

24. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer, wherein the substrate layer and the skin layer are co-extruded simultaneously using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F2}) comprising an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_2) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_3),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100°C) of 10-250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min. and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_3) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts

by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion given above, and further comprises a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

25. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in any one of claims 21 to 24, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by a dynamic heat treatment of a mixture comprising a crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and a rubber (c-2).

26. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 21, 23 or 24, wherein the polyolefin resin (G) is an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y).

27. (Previously Presented) The formed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) comprises 15 - 40 parts by weight of an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (y-1) having an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 10 - 40 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C and 85 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (y-2) having an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.1 - 5 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C, with said constituents (y-1) and (y-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight.

28. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the polyolefin resin (j-1) of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is a Polypropylene resin.

29. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) comprises further 10 - 200 parts by weight of a softening agent (j-3) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2).

30. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is a thermoplastic elastomer composition obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the polyolefin resin (j-1) and the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) or a mixture which comprises further, optionally incorporated, the softening agent (j-3) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent.

31. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is an isotactic polypropylene or a propylene/ α -olefin copolymer.

32. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the foamed body (X_{F2}) is one which is obtained by foaming a foamable composition based on olefin (X_3) comprising 100 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J), 1 – 20 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and the forming agent (B).

33. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 32, wherein the foaming agent (B) is an organic or an inorganic foaming agent of heat-decomposition type.

34. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 32 or 33, wherein the content of the foaming agent (B) is in the range of 0.5 - 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K).

35. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body (X_{F2}) is at least twofold.

36. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 21, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture

comprising the crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and the rubber (c-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent.

37. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (X_2) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (230 °C, 10 kg load).

38. (Previously presented) A sliding element comprising the foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4.

39. (Previously presented) A weather strip for automobile comprising the foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4.

40. (Previously presented) A sealing material for architectural use comprising the foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4.

41-51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in any one of claims 4-8, wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) has no crosslinking prior to dynamic heat treatment.

53. (Previously presented) A process for producing a foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a skin layer,

wherein said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40-95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said

constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and said skin layer comprises an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin(Y),

using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, comprising the steps of

providing starting resin composition for the said substrate layer comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and a foaming agent (B) of an amount necessary to blow up the composition upon heat fusing the two layers

co-extruding the resin composition for the substrate layer together with the resin for the skin layer from the multilayer extrusion molding machine and

heat fusing these layers to thereby cause the substrate layer to foam up,

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100 °C) of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said ultrahigh molecular, weight polyolefin resin (Y) is one which has as intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ of 3.5 - 8.3 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C.

54. (Previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 53, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5-60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment, in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an

α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100^{\circ}\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant (Z_L) selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 5 - 200 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (G), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion as given above.

55. (Previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 53, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_1),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity $ML_{1+4}(100^{\circ}\text{C})$ of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_1) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E) and 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), each in a proportion as given above.

56. (Previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 53, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_2),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100 °C) of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_2) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

57. (Previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 53, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body (X_{F1}) comprising an ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_3),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ α -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene,

an α -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity ML_{1+4} (100 °C) of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole % and

wherein said olefinic-thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z_3) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion as given above, and which further comprises a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

58. (New) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is a thermoplastic elastomer composition obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the polyolefin resin (j-1) and the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) or a mixture which comprises further, optionally incorporated, the softening agent (j-3) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent,

wherein the polyolefin resin (j-1) is a polypropylene resin, and

wherein the softening agent (j-3) is in a concentration of 10-200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the ethylene/ α -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2).